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25X1 1. [] Before meeting with Mr. Fred Bushardt,
25X1 Legislative Assistant to Senator Strom Thurmond (D., S.C.), I
discussed with [] Consultant, Senate Preparedness
Investigating Subcommittee, Senator Thurmond's letter of August 22
to the Committee chairman requesting that Mr. McCone be recalled
as a witness before the Committee. A copy of the Senator's letter
to Chairman Stennis was forwarded by letter also of August 22 as a
25X1 courtesy. [] reviewed briefly communications received from
the Senator's office concerning another appearance by Mr. McCone
and indicated that the Chairman is out of the city and final determination
could not be reached until his return Thursday or Friday. In passing
he also reviewed the substance of General Taylor's appearance before
the Committee. It was this latter item about which Senator Thurmond
desired information and the purpose of my meeting with Mr. Bushardt.

I advised Mr. Bushardt that we had no information or knowledge
other than the happenings before the Committee. I advised that
Mr. McCone had called General Taylor and confirmed []
with the Committee. It was our conclusion therefore that, as appeared
in the transcripts, General Taylor was somewhat incensed at being
interrogated by members of the staff and his objections had taken
this rather unfortunate turn and queried whether he was being interrogated
by [] 25X1

25X1 [] Mr. Bushardt thanked me for the advice and indicated that the
Senator is quite incensed over this incident and had he been present
during the hearing, it would not have been condoned by him. Mr. Bushardt
indicated that he would pass this advice on to the Senator and although
he felt that nothing further would be desired as it is, he will advise
me.

Mr. Bushardt noted in passing that the Senator's interest in
reappearances by Mr. McCone is related by what the Senator feels are,
at best, inconsistencies between items testified to by Mr. McCone before
Senate Preparedness, by Mr. McNamara and others before Senate Foreign
Relations. Mr. Bushardt did not have the details of the inconsistencies
at hand but expects to define this with Preparedness staff later in the day
or tomorrow.